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Dear Mr. Ortega:

The Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA) within the Office of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (AS-IA) received a submission in response to the Phase I technical assistance (TA) review letter from the group known as the "Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians" (FTB), Petitioner #158. This submission received on August 23, 2017, comprised a one-page cover letter signed by one person, a 40 page hardcopy of the narrative, a USB drive, and two duplicate USB drives.

In order for this submission to be considered the response under section 83.26(a)(1)(i)(B) of Part 83 of Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations (25 CFR Part 83), "*Procedures for Federal Acknowledgment of Indian Tribes*," the petitioner needs to submit a certification, signed and dated by the FTB governing body, that this submission is its formal response to the TA review. The certification must provide original signatures of all members of the FTB governing body. Once OFA receives the proper certification for this submission as the response to the TA review, OFA will be able to resume the Phase I review when the OFA experts are available.

Although the FTB petitioner provided USB drives, containing copies of the submission, OFA needs one complete hard copy of the submission accompanied by the original certification for our files. Also, please remember to retain a copy of your submission. If the FTB petitioner has questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact, US Department of the Interior/AS-IA/ OFA, 1849 C Street NW, 4071 MIB, Washington, DC 20240, or call (202) 513-7650. Please update your records with this new mailing address.

Sincerely,

Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment